

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: A. P. Bowen House Survey Number: WO-464

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The A.P. Bowen House is located on the east side of Newark Road at the southern end of the town of Newark in Worcester County, MD. The property, which contains a frame dwelling, an equipment shed and ruins of a barn, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed during the last quarter of the 19th century, the 2-1/2-story, three-bay frame dwelling has an L-shaped footprint with a central-passage plan and Queen Anne style detailing. It is covered with a cross gable roof and features a central gable; diamond shaped wood shingles and decorative fan and lattice bargeboards adorn the north, east and west gable ends. A one-story, hipped roof porch, formerly enclosed with screen, extends along the north, or main, elevation. The central entry holds a pair of decorative wood doors; the upper half of both doors has a single light surrounded by a closed pediment supported by colonettes and a sawtooth patterned skirt. The lower half includes four bullet panels and beaded molding. The house is vacant and stands in deteriorating condition.

The equipment shed is a frame structure clad in vertical wood siding and covered with a sloped metal roof. The ruins of what appears to have been a barn are located southwest of the shed.

Although the house survives as a good example of a mid-to late 19th-century ell-house with rather elaborate Queen Anne style decorative detailing, the building lacks the architectural distinctiveness and integrity to qualify for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Margaret A. Bishop/Architectural Historian KCI Technologies, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 17, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Olivia P. Smith
Reviewer, NR program

March 27, 1996.
Date

Only

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Worcester County

Historic Context

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870 - 1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Functions: Single-family farm dwelling

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-464

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic A. P. Bowen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East Side, Newark Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Newark ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George C. Townsend

street & number 6510 Paige Court telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863-3314

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-464

Condition		Check one		Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 146.93

Quadrangle name Public Landing, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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A.P. Bowen House

Worcester

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The A.P. Bowen House is situated along the east side of Newark Road at the southern end of the town of Newark. A dirt drive leads from Newark Road, across the railroad track, to the buildings, approximately 500 feet east of Newark Road and 500 feet west of US 113. The parcel contains a frame dwelling, a frame tractor shed/garage, and the ruins of what appeared to be a barn.

Constructed during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the two-and-one-half-story frame dwelling, clad in weatherboard with beaded cornerboards, sits on a brick foundation partially covered with molded tin. The ell-plan house has an asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with partial returns on the east and west gable ends. Diamond-shape wood shingles and decorative fan and lattice bargeboards adorn the north, east, and west gable ends. Interior brick chimneys are located in the east, south, and west ridges. A one-story hipped-roof porch, formerly enclosed with screen, extends along the north, or main, elevation. Windows throughout the dwelling consist of two-over-two double-hung wood sash with wood surrounds and simple drip molding. Most of the windows have louvered wood shutters. A corrugated tin shed-roof enclosed porch is appended to the west elevation of the ell; a small shed-roof addition is attached to the south end of this porch. A one-story gable-roof addition is located at the south end of the ell.

The symmetrical west, or main, elevation contains three bays on both the first and second stories. The central entrance consists of a pair of decorative wood doors. The upper half of each door contains a single light (now covered with wood in the interior) surrounded by a closed pediment supported by colonettes and a sawtooth patterned skirt. The lower half of each door includes four bullet panels and beaded molding. Windows in both stories consist of two-over-two sash. A small one-over-one window lights the shingled gable.

The west elevation of the main block contains a window in each floor and in the shingled gable end. The ell includes two windows in the second floor. The porch has been enclosed with eight two-over-two windows and a two-light and panel door.

The east elevation contains three bays in both the first and second stories. A two-over-two window lights the shingled gable in this elevation. Part of the bargeboard for this gable is missing.

The dwelling appears to be abandoned and has experienced some deterioration, especially around the windows and in the front (west) porch. The exterior of the house has received very few alterations, however, and retains its original siding, windows, main entry doors, and decorative features in the gable ends.

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The frame tractor shed/garage stands southwest of the dwelling. Clad in vertical wood siding, the building has a corrugated tin shed roof and sits on a brick foundation. Two doors slide along a metal runner on the north elevation. The ruins of a building, probably a barn, are located southwest of the shed.

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The A.P. Bowen House is a significant example of the mid-to-late- nineteenth-century stylistic shift from Gothic Revival to Queen Anne architecture. An excellent rural example with very good integrity of design, feeling, location, materials, setting, and workmanship, the A.P. Bowen House displays subtle motifs from both styles. The Gothic Revival is evident in the steeply pitched gable dormer in the north, or main, elevation and in the sawn fan and lattice bargeboards that adorn the north, east, and west gable ends. Decorative bargeboards were also common in the Queen Anne style, along with patterned shingle gables and elaborate double- door entrances, similar as those found in the A.P. Bowen House. The application of such adornments to the popular cross-gabled dwellings was fairly common during the second half of the nineteenth century (Touart 1994:156). In addition to its period stylistic elements, the dwelling retains its original weatherboard and two-over-two double-hung wood sash windows.

Due to its excellent integrity of design, feeling, location, materials, setting, and workmanship, the A.P. Bowen House is recommended for inclusion in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion C, as a representative example of late-nineteenth-century rural architecture displaying motifs of both the Gothic Revival and Queen Anne styles.

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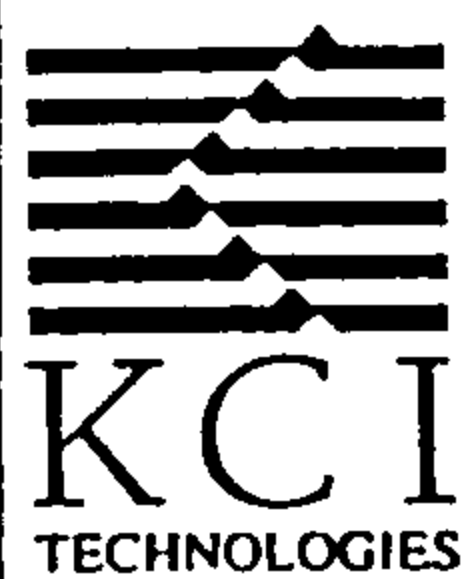
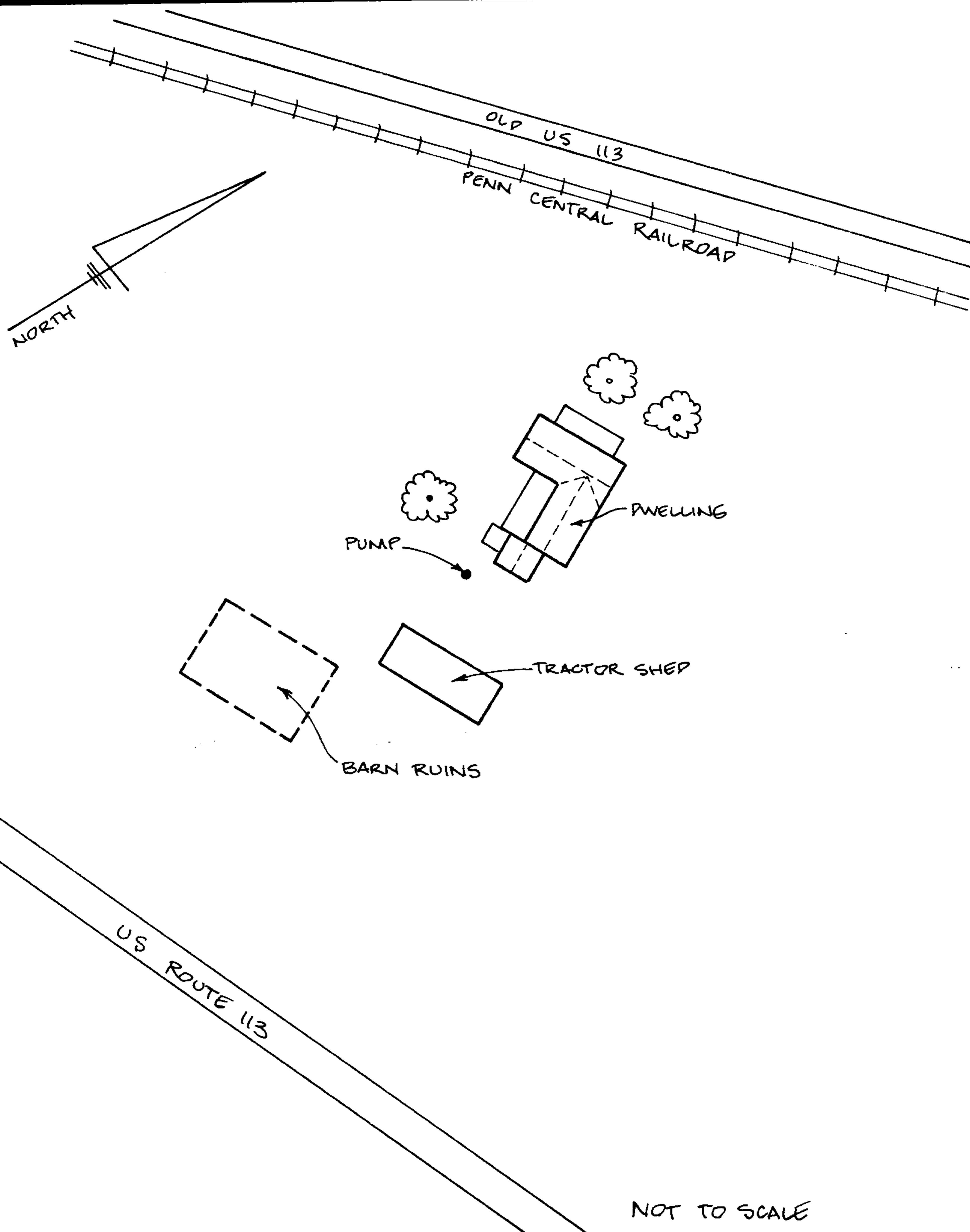
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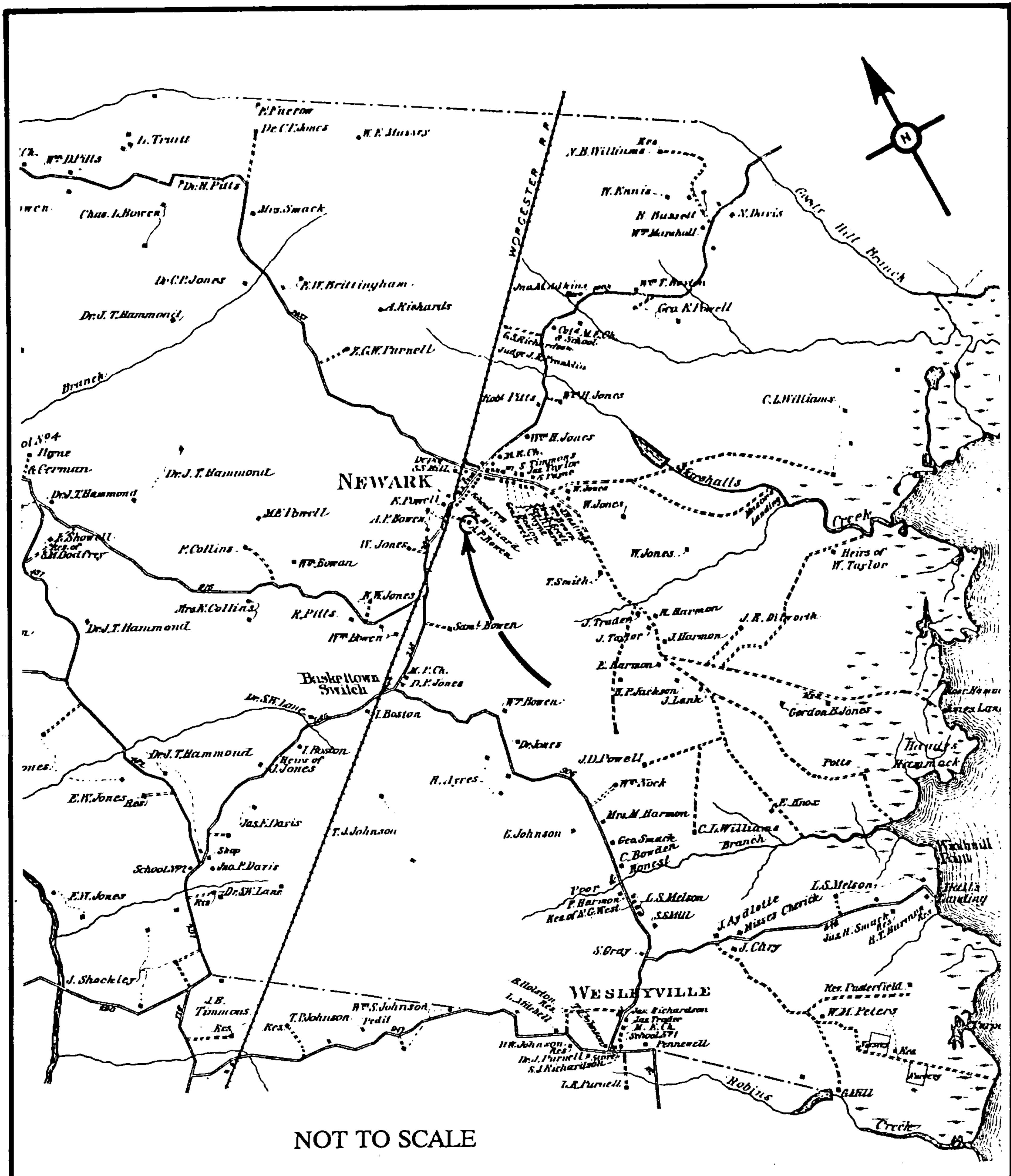
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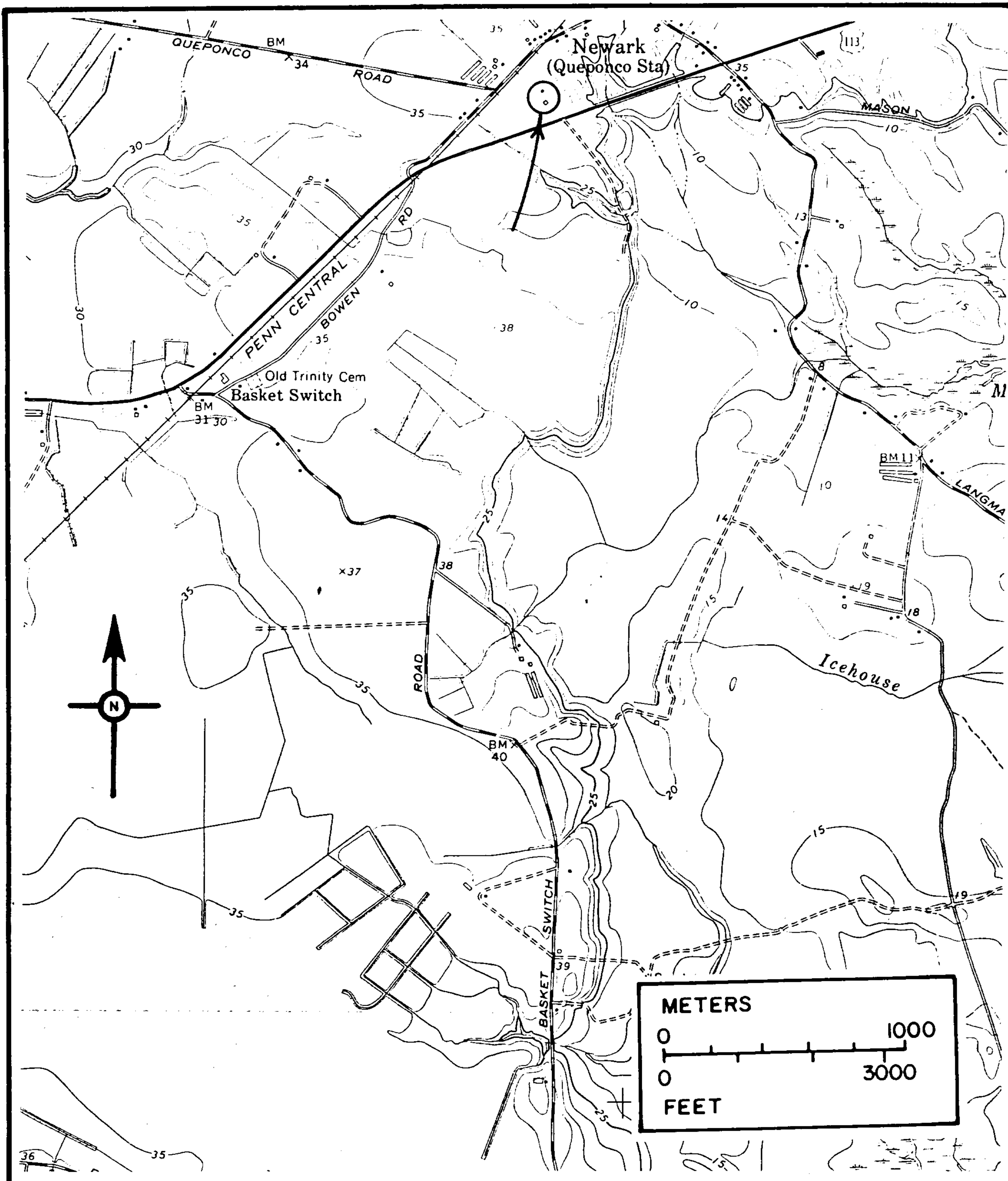
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
A. P. Bowen House (KCI-3)
Newark, Worcester County, MD
Public Landing, MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP
 Section of the 7.5' Public Land Map, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)
 Showing the A. P. Bowen House (KCI-3),
 Newark, Worcester County, MD.

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A.P. BOWEN HOUSE

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NORTH ELEVATION -

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NORTH ELEVATION - FORMAL ENTRY

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W0464 (KCI #3)

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WORCESTER CO. MD
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SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS - DWELLING/GARAGE

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WEST GABLE END PEAK

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